

## COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

## CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA.

Statements showing MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement  
in force at 31st December, 1947.

SYDNEY.

MELBOURNE.

Industry & Occupation	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	164/-	44	174/-	44
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	146/-	40	156/6	9
Chairmaker	146/-	"	156/6	"
French Polisher	146/-	"	156/6	"
Wood Carver	146/-	"	156/6	"
Wood Mechanist	146/-	"	156/6	"
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.</u>				
Box and Case Maker	129/-	44	136/-	"
Labourer	115/-	"	112/-	"
Mechanist				
Boults Carver	142/-	"	139/-	"
Moulding	121/- to 138/-	"	118/- to 135/-	"
Planing	133/- & 136/-	"	130/- & 133/-	"
Shaping	142/-	"	139/-	"
Ordermen	129/-	"	126/-	"
Sawyer -				
Bend or Jig	130/- to 145/-	"	127/- to 142/-	"
Circular	130/- to 138/-	"	127/- to 135/-	"
Tallymen	129/-	"	126/-	"
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	164/-	44	161/-	44
Helper	129/6	"	126/6	"
Labourer	129/6	"	126/6	"
<u>BRASSWORKING</u> -				
Finisher	147/- to 164/-	"	144/- to 161/-	"
Moulder	132/6 to 164/-	"	129/6 to 161/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Armature Winder	164/-	"	161/-	"
Fitter	164/-	"	161/-	"
Linesman	151/6	"	148/6	"
Mechanic	164/-	"	161/-	"
Wireman	151/6	"	148/6	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> -				
Armature Winder	170/-	40	161/-	"
Instrument Maker	170/-	"	170/6	"
Linesmen	154/-	"	148/6	"
Shift Electrician	170/-	"	161/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	165/6	44	162/6	"
Brassfinisher	147/- & 164/-	"	144/- & 161/-	"
Coppersmith	165/6	"	162/6	"
Fitter	164/-	"	161/-	"
Labourer	129/6	"	126/6	"
Patternmaker	177/-	"	174/-	"
Shapers	164/-	"	161/-	"
Striker	129/6 to 132/6	"	126/6 & 129/6	"
Turner	164/-	"	161/-	"
<u>MOULDING IRON</u> -				
Coremaker	132/6 to 164/-	"	129/6 to 161/-	"
Labourer	129/6	"	126/6	"
Moulder	132/6 to 164/-	"	129/6 to 161/-	"

## ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (CONTD.).

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
<u>IRON DUGGING (STEEL)</u>				
Coremaker	164/-	44	161/-	44
Labourer	129/6	"	126/6	"
Moulder	164/-	"	161/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING</u> -				
Canister Maker	138/-	"	135/-	"
Machinist	134/-	"	131/-	"
Solderer	134/- & 138/-	"	131/- & 135/-	"
Tinsmith	149/- to 164/-	"	146/- to 161/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD)</u> -				
Board Hand	167/-	40	153/6	44
Bread Carter (1 horse)	141/-	"	118/-	"
Ovenman	174/6	"	153/6	"
Single Hand	172/-	"	163/8	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS &amp; CAKES)</u>				
Baker	135/-	"	133/-	"
General Labourer	118/-		116/-	"
Mixer	122/- & 124/-	"	132/-	"
<u>BREWING</u> -				
Cellarman	134/- & 137/-	"	138/5	"
Driver (1 horse)	136/-	"	118/-	"
Labourer	134/-	"	135/-	"
Malt Hand	134/-	"	140/-	"
Towerman	137/-	"	130/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)</u> -				
Carter (1 horse)	121/-	44	118/-	"
General Hand	140/-	"	137/-	"
Shopman	140/-	"	137/-	"
Smallgoodsman	140/-	"	137/-	"
<u>CONFETIONERY</u> -				
Journeyman	147/6	40	135/6	"
Labourer	121/3	"	120/-	"
Storeman	121/- & 147/6	"	125/- to 145/9	"
<u>JAM MAKING</u> -				
General Labourer	119/-	44	119/-	"
Solderer	126/-	"	126/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING</u> -				
Capper	144/6	40	144/6	"
Guillotine Hand	123/-	"	144/6	"
Jokerman	137/-	"	144/6	"
Packer	125/-	"	144/6	"
Seamer	144/6	"	144/6	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u> -				
Miller (Shift)	148/6 & 159/-	44	148/6 & 159/-	"
Packerman	143/6	"	143/6	"
Purifierman	134/6	"	134/6	"
Smutterman	134/6	"	134/6	"
Storeman (Head)	136/6 & 142/6	"	136/6 & 142/6	"
Topman	134/6	"	134/6	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING</u> -				
Packer	124/2	40	117/-	"
Pastrycook	138/6	"	142/-	"
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Bootmaker	139/6	44	139/6	44
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	190/6	40	149/-	"
Presser	139/-	44	139/-	"
Tailor	139/-	"	139/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	142/-	"	142/-	"
Presser	139/-	"	139/-	"
Tailor	139/-	"	139/-	"
Trimmer	139/-	"	139/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
WOOLLEN MILLS)				
Carder	124/-	"	124/-	"
Dyehouseman	128/-	"	128/-	"

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY.			MELBOURNE.
	CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.			
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (contd)</u>				
Labourer (General)	112/-	44	112/-	44
Scourer	124/- to 131/-	"	124/- to 131/-	"
Spinner	124/-	"	124/-	"
Tuner	119/- to 144/-	"	119/- to 144/-	"
Warper	126/-	"	126/-	"
	BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.			
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	156/-	44	154/-	44
Bookbinding (journeyman)	156/-	"	154/-	"
Paper Ruler	156/-	"	154/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor -	178/6	40	166/6 & 183/-	58
Day Work	188/6	"	176/6 & 193/-	33
Night Work				
Machinist -				
Day Work	178/6	"	181/-	40
Night Work	188/6	"	196/-	38
Publisher	158/6 & 168/6	"	148/6 & 165/6	33 & 40
Reader -				
Day Work	166/6	"	166/6	40
Night Work	196/6	"	176/6	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	171/-	"	168/6	39
Night Work	181/-	"	177/6	38
<u>PRINTING (JOB-BING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	156/- & 165/-	44	154/- & 165/-	44
Linotype Operator	165/-	"	153/-	"
Machinist	156/-	"	154/-	"
Reader	159/-	"	157/-	"
Stereotyper	156/-	"	154/-	"
	OTHER MANUFACTURING			
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	142/- & 147/6	40	157/-	"
Clayholemen	139/3	"	146/-	"
Drawer	142/-	"	144/- & 146/6	"
Trucker	136/6	"	136/6	"
Setter	142/-	"	144/- & 146/6	"
<u>COACHMAKING</u> -				
Bodymaker	158/6 & 164/-	44	155/6 & 161/-	"
Labourer	115/-	"	112/-	"
Painter	144/6 & 156/6	"	141/6 & 155/6	"
Springmaker	164/-	"	161/-	"
Trimmer	158/6	"	155/6	"
Wheelwright	158/6	"	155/6	"
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY</u> -				
Coke Trimmer	124/-	"	120/-	"
Gasfitter	151/-	"	184/8	"
Labourer	115/-	"	112/-	"
Meter Tester	123/- to 133/-	"	139/3	"
Service Layer	138/-	"	151/-	"
Service Layers' Labourer	120/-	"	130/-	"
Stoker	136/-	"	128/- to 133/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY</u> -				
Chainmaker	138/-	40	151/6	"
Mounter	138/-	"	151/6	"
Setter	138/-	"	151/6	"
<u>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING</u>				
Collar Maker	143/-	44	143/-	"
Harness Maker	143/-	"	143/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING</u> -				
Beamsman	136/-	"	136/-	"
Labourer	125/-	"	125/-	"
Limeman	134/-	"	134/-	"
Machinist -				
Shoving	137/- & 145/-	"	137/- & 145/-	"

## Industry &amp; Occupation

## TANNING &amp; CURRING contd -

	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE			
Splitting	143/-	& 150/-	44	143/-	& 150/-	44
Unhairing	136/-	"		136/-	"	
Tableman	181/-	& 137/-	"	181/-	& 137/-	"

## BUILDING

Bricklayer	180/-	40	167/-	44
Carpenter	180/-	"	184/-	"
Mason (Stone)	192/2	"	181/6	"
Painter	167/9	"	166/6	"
Paperhanger	167/9	"	166/6	"
Signwriter	175/1	"	166/-	"
Plasterer	170/6	"	166/6	"
Plumber	174/-	"	184/8	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	153/8	44	140/3	"
Carpenter's	153/3	"	140/3	"
Concrete Worker	153/8	"	140/3	"
Earth Excavator	153/8	"	140/3	"
Gear Worker	161/-	"	152/2	"
Scaffold Hand	161/-	"	152/2	"

## RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES

## RAILWAYS -

## Driver Loco -

1st Class	192/-	& 201/-	Ø	189/-	& 196/-	Ø
2nd Class	183/-	"	Ø	180/-	"	Ø
3rd Class	174/-	"	Ø	171/-	"	Ø

## Pension -

1st Class	144/-	& 151/-	Ø	141/-	to 148/-	Ø
2nd Class	138/-	"	Ø	135/-	"	Ø
3rd Class	132/-	"	Ø	129/-	"	Ø

## Guard -

1st Class	155/-	"	Ø	152/-	"	Ø
2nd Class	140/-	to 149/-	Ø	137/-	to 146/-	Ø
3rd Class	140/-	to 146/-	Ø	137/-	to 146/-	Ø

## Porter -

Shunter -	117/6	to 147/6	Ø	114/6	to 144/6	Ø
1st Class	153/6	to 156/6	Ø	150/6	to 153/6	Ø
2nd Class	146/-	& 149/-	Ø	143/-	to 146/-	Ø
3rd Class	131/-	to 138/6	Ø	128/-	to 135/6	Ø

## Signalman -

1st Class	152/-	& 162/6	Ø	149/-	& 159/6	Ø
2nd Class	141/6	"	Ø	138/6	"	Ø
3rd Class	135/6	"	Ø	128/6	"	Ø

## TRAMWAYS -

Conductor -	1st Year	124/-	Ø	124/-	"	Ø
2nd Year	129/-	"	Ø	127/-	"	Ø
3rd Year	131/-	"	Ø	130/-	"	Ø

## Labourer

Maintenance Man	118/-	"	Ø	118/-	"	Ø
Motorman -	118/-	to 124/-	Ø	127/-	"	Ø

## 1st Year

2nd Year	134/6	"	Ø	124/-	"	Ø
3rd Year	134/6	"	Ø	127/-	"	Ø
Pitman	135/-	"	Ø	130/-	"	Ø

Ø 88 hours per fortnight

## TRANSPORT (OTHER)

## CARRYING MERCHANDISE -

Carter -	1 horse	126/-	40	117/-	44
2 horses	133/-	"		124/6	"
Stable hand	127/6	to 132/6	"	118/-	"
Motor Lorries & Waggons - under 2 tons	130/-	to 140/-	"	124/6	to 130/6

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
TRANSPORT (OTHER)				
CARRYING - MERCHANDISE - contd.				
3 tons and over	144/- to 148/-	40	135/-	44
WHARF LABOUR -				
Wharf Labourer (Per hour)	4/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$		4/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

HOTELS, ETC.

<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barman	126/-	40	125/-	44
Billiard Marker	114/-	"	117/6	"
Cook	125/- to 227/-	"	123/6 to 159/-	"
Houseman	114/-	"	117/6	"
Waiter	116/-	"	117/6	"
Porter	114/- & 137/-	"	117/6	"
Waiter	114/- & 121/-	"	117/6 & 123/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u> -				
Hairdressing	138/-	"	167/6	47
Hairdresser	133/-	"	135/-	48

GENERAL LABOUR

<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING</u> -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	136/6 & 143/-	44	136/6 & 142/6	44
2nd Class	134/- & 138/6	"	131/- & 136/6	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	134/-	"	131/-	"
2nd Class	128/6	"	126/6	"
<u>MUNICIPAL</u> -				
Labourer	124/-	40	118/-	"
Street Sweeper	124/-	"	117/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS</u> -				
Boot Salesman	135/-		132/6	44
Drapery Salesmen	135/-		137/-	43 $\frac{3}{4}$
Furniture Salesman	135/-		140/-	46
Grocery Salesmen	135/-	"	126/-	44
Hardware Salesmen	135/-	"	131/-	"
Mens Clothing Salesmen	135/-	"	137/-	43 $\frac{3}{4}$
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS</u> -				
Packer (General)	128/6 & 136/6	"	125/6	44
Storemen (General)	127/- & 139/6	"	125/6	44

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